BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL. GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE

DECISION TO APPROVE THE

MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR TOPAZ VALLEY LIMESTONE

QUARRY, JUAB COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE **DECISION TO APPROVE**

CAUSE NO. M/023/022

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SLBM, JUAB COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Rancho Equipment Services and Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. Large Mining Operation Permit Application for their Topaz Valley Limestone Quarry. Mining activities will effect the following areas: the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 11 West, SLBM, Juab County, Utah.

Rancho Equipment Services and Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. are expanding their existing Small Mining Operation and have filed a permit application to commence Large Mining Operations (over 5 surface acres) at the Topaz Valley Limestone Quarry.

The operator(s) will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 15.8 acres of Federally managed land.

During Operations

Mining will be conducted using typical open pit quarrying methods. Available topsoil resources will be salvaged and stockpiled for reclamation of the disturbed areas. Run-of-mine material will be stockpiled prior to onsite crushing and screening. Following crushing and screening to separate the saleable product, the waste/reject material will be stockpiled and used for reclamation of the disturbed areas. Concurrent reclamation will be conducted during operations to the extent practical to minimize the amount of surface

disturbance at any given time. The operator will construct appropriate safety berms, fences or other barriers above highwalls and similar excavations. Fugitive dust shall be controlled by water sprays and/or dust suppressant. Other mining-related wastes and trash will be properly disposed of in an approved disposal facility.

Following Operations

All mining and processing equipment will be removed from the mine area at the end of mine life or as soon as practical when no longer needed for the mine operation. The quarry area will be recontoured to approximate the original contour. No final slope shall exceed 3H:1V. Stockpiled topsoil will be spread over the disturbed areas and seeded with a seed mixture adapted to the area and postmining landuse. Mine access roads that were not pre-existing, will be ripped, disked and seeded. All solid mining-related wastes, except for overburden and subeconomic ore, will be removed from the site and disposed of at an authorized landfill.

The person representing the operator is Mr. Ronald R. Day, Vice President, Rancho Equipment Services, 279 East Main, Delta, Utah 84624; Phone (801) 864-3971. The operator(s) are fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to: Lowell Braxton, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203; setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the Division's tentative approval decision will become final.

DATED THIS 6th day of October, 1994

STATE OF UTAH

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

James W. Carter

Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Approval for Cause No. M/023/022 to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the <u>6th</u> day of October, 1994 to:

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